

## LIBERTY

Been busy preparing for coming of Santa Claus and did not find time to send in items last week, but he has come and gone and many happy hearts are left among the little folks, and among the older ones. As the New Year is so near, it is hoped all are making resolutions to live better lives and be able to scatter more sunshine in the paths of others this coming year.

Been having an epidemic of la grippe in our community. the past three weeks and but few have escaped. The revival at Liberty closed December 19th with 11 conversions and five additional members. Rev. Fly who assisted our pastor, returned to his home Monday following. The church has been greatly strengthened spiritually and a Christian Endeavor was organized with Mrs. Dora Davis as President. All Christian and young people are invited to attend and help in this work and thus help others. The Society will meet at 6 o'clock.

Last Sunday the election of officers for the Sunday school was held and the new officers will enter on their duties beginning the New Year. Wilson Russell, superintendent; Dee Winton, assistant superintendent; Mildred Henbest, secretary; George Mulkey, treasurer; Lulu Smith, pianist; Sam Fletcher, chorister; Hulda Mulkey, cradle roll superintendent. The election of teachers will be made by the various classes next Sunday.

All members and workers of the church, likewise all those who are not attending elsewhere, are urged to make a good New Year start by being at Sunday school next Sunday, and give the officers your hearty support and make it a success and yourself be benefited.

Rev. L. A. Smith filled his appointment Sunday at 11, but as he was suffering from throat trouble, the evening services were called in.

M. Gaydou, who has been sick for the past two weeks, continues to grow worse and his condition is critical at this writing. His daughter, Mrs. Will Coffey, of Oklahoma, was summoned and arrived Christmas to be at his bedside.

Mrs. Anna Rhodes and children, spent Christmas week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Smith. Mr. Rhodes joined them Christmas.

A plow boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, the 16th.

This cold weather has been improved by those who were not through butchering, and fresh sausage tastes mighty good.

George Miller and family took Sunday dinner at Will Jenkins'.

Abb Mulkey is not so well and is suffering intensely from a swollen arm.

Miss Beulah Matthews is on the sick list.

## SUN FLOWER.

## HAPPY VALLEY

Quite a little snow fell Christmas eve.

Most every family in this vicinity has got the grippe.

Bert Smith, wife and daughter Virginia visited Will Dyer and family of McDowell, Saturday night and Sunday.

Hiram Rolle and John Cox took a load of mineral to Aurora, Thursday.

We were sorry to hear of the sad accident that happened to Gene Carpenter, Christmas eve. He got his right hand and ear blown off with dynamite.

Cecil Medlin, wife and brother Bert visited W. S. Medlin and family, Christmas Day.

Fred Miller and wife visited Hiram Rolle and family, Sunday.

Earl Cox and wife visited George Hilton and family, Christmas day.

There was no school at Ozark part of last week on account of so much grippe.

There was no Sunday school at Macedonia, Sunday.

## SALLIE.

## THANKS TO FRIENDS

We wish to thank our friends who helped us so much at the time of our great trouble in the death of our son and brother, Ray Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hall and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Martinson.

## GERMANY READY TO DISCUSS TERMS OF PEACE WITH ALLIES

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg Expected Soon in Vienna With Full Conditions Under Which Teutons Would End War.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna says:

"Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with full conditions under which the Central powers will accept peace. After discussing the terms with Baron Von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague."

London, Dec. 18.—While there has been considerable activity on both the eastern and western fronts in the last twenty-four hours, the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance in weeks. Dispatches from both Germanic and entente sources agree that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Saloniki is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guard to defensive positions, well behind the Greek frontier.

The Associated Press Vienna correspondent declares that the central powers have come to regard any offense against Saloniki as a measure promising only embarrassment and no advantages. The central powers are inclined to regard the huge entente force at Saloniki as safely cooped up, useless and expensive, and that therefore it would be an advantage to the central powers to let it remain there.

On the western front the German official communication admits a French advance on Hirsstein. There also has been further activity in the Vosges district, with intense artillery fighting along the whole front of Hartmans-Weiderkopt.

Vienna reports the Russians attacking seriously on the Dniester and in Bessarabia. The Austrian communication speaks of the Russian advance in series lines, fifteen or sixteen deep which the artillery broke up with huge Russian losses. A dispatch from a German source says:

"A terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia."

## FOUR CITIES WANT STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Schrader P. Howell, member of the Democratic state committee from the Sixth district, favors holding the convention for the election of delegates to the national convention in St. Louis not later than April 1.

Howell says St. Louis has adequate hotel and hall facilities for holding such a convention of from 1,000 to 1,200 delegates.

Jefferson City, Sedalia, Kansas City and St. Joseph each are after the Democratic state convention, Howell said.

Chairman McClung will convene the Democratic state committee some time during January to call the state convention and arrange for the election of delegates to it.

## DINNER PARTY

One of the prettiest affairs enjoyed by the younger set during the holiday season was the six o'clock dinner given by Miss Margaret Walsh on Tuesday evening.

The decorations were in red and green in keeping with Christmas season and the rooms presented a charming appearance. A three course dinner was served.

The young people enjoyed games and music during the evening.

The guest were Misses Lois Wright, Ruth Sizer, Rose Smith, Helen Davis, Margaret Chapell, Georgia West, Catherine Attaway, Hortense Dwyer, Mary Heyburn, Lanita and Marie Randall, Pearl and Raphael Heyburn, Messrs. John T. and Junior Westbay, John Charles and Earl Wagner, Kenneth Wright, Fielding Sizer, Paul Smith, Frank Kyler and Allen Harrison.

Mrs. W. M. Beck, of Fontana, Kas., is spending the holiday season with her son, C. P. Glass and family.

## Belgian Children Send Christmas Gifts to President Wilson and Cardinal Gibbons



The Commission for Relief in Belgium has placed on exhibition in New York Christmas gifts of engraved scrolls, lace, embroideries, and a jewel case received a few days ago from the school children of Belgium for President Wilson, members of his family, and for Cardinal Gibbons. The simple gifts are touching documents of the feelings of the little Belgians for America.

One of the most interesting pieces in the exhibit is a card about eight by twelve inches, addressed to "His Excellency, Sir Edward Wilson, President of the United States at Washington." The work is hand painted on parchment in the national colors of Belgium and America, the flags of

both countries entwined at the top. The card tells the President that the school children of Belgium are very thankful to America for the food and clothing this nation has sent to them.

The school children in Spa, the famous watering resort, worked for more than three months on the jewel case for the President. The case is of very fine wood and contains six compartments. On the cover is painted a picture of Spa, and the inscription in French: "Homage of Gratitude of Spa."

A cleverly executed pen and ink sketch of President Wilson has been sent by a twelve year old school boy in Liege, addressed to the "Loyal President of Free America, From a

Thankful Heart in Liege." The picture shows the President in a frame of leaves, with the portraits of the king and queen of Belgium on either side. A huge box containing silk handkerchiefs, pin cushions, sewing bags, and examples of Belgium needle work is addressed to the members of the President's family. The pieces are all hand painted and embroidered, and are sent by the pupils of the Benedictine Nuns at the school at Liege.

A beautiful, colored cut glass bowl, a silken embroidered chalice cover and a hand worked pillow are addressed to Cardinal Gibbons.

The gifts are on exhibition by permission of President Wilson and Cardinal Gibbons.

## BUTTERFIELD

Max Strange of Kansas City gave an entertainment at the Union church Saturday evening, consisting of violin solos and moving pictures of the Passion Play, The Holy City, etc. It was better than the average transient outfit, but the attendance was not large.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, and son Harmon, of Newburg, are spending the holidays with their parents and other relatives at this place.

Orien Hadley and Miss Oma Blalock were married last week at the home of the bride's parents. The bride and groom are both young people born and raised in this vicinity and their many friends wish for them a happy, prosperous and useful life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preswell and daughter of Ash Grove, visited relatives here a few days last week.

Mrs. Hudson and daughters returned home Sunday from an extended visit with her daughter in North Missouri. Her son Bennett also came in to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ferguson and baby, of Republic, also Curtis Ferguson, who is attending school there, spent Christmas with their parents of this place.

Owing to several cases of la grippe and two deaths in this community Friday, there were no Christmas exercises of any kind at this place. However a treat was prepared and given to each pupil and officer of the Sunday school, Sunday.

The party that was so seriously, if not fatally injured by a dynamite explosion, causes us to wonder where the insane idea of celebrating the birth of Christ by the use of fire arms, dynamite and whiskey originated, any way. "Peace on earth and good will to men" does not carry the thought of death, heartaches, or even regret.

The usual Christmas spirit in this community was changed to one of sorrow and gloom in sympathy with two homes made sad by death; that of a little babe of Will Riddle and wife and also that of Uncle James Harper, who died rather unexpectedly. A double funeral service was conducted by Rev. Goodnight at Mt. Pleasant at 2 p. m. Christmas day, which was very touching and impressive. The music was furnished by the Ferguson male quartet, with Mrs. Talbert, organist. Mr. Harper will be greatly missed, as he was honest and uprightness personified and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. Ye scribe has known him for ten or twelve years and

has never heard a single person say aught against him. His exemplary life will be a consoling thought to his family in their loneliness. The bereaved of both families have the heart felt sympathy of all who know them.

## DOLLS GIVEN AWAY

R. M. Callaway had his annual ad writing contest for the little folks this week. Each child writing an ad and presenting it at the store, received a doll from Mr. Callaway.

The first prize was received by Edith Holman, the second by Mary Smith and the third by Ruth Robbins.

Mr. Callaway says the ads this year were the best he ever received. The judges were baffled by the number of really well written ads. Eighteen better dolls besides the three best prizes on account of the exceptional ads sent in.

Mr. Callaway thanks each little girl for her efforts and hopes that each prize awarded by the judges was satisfactory.

Any little girl who wrote an ad can get her doll by calling for it at the store any time during the holiday week.

Here is the first prize ad: Spend your money where you see fit Go to Bob Callaway's

Be careful you don't get bit You won't at Bob Callaway's.

Your cash they like; you'll be treated fine

Any day at Bob Callaway's You can get a bargain just any time

If you will only go to Bob Callaway's.

Edith Holman.

Second prize ad: Start the New Year right By finding your way

To Bob Callaway's

Whatever you wants may be He has plenty in store for thee

Not only with prices right But furniture that will fire the heart

with delight.

Mary Smith.

Third prize ad: My papa buys at Callaway's

He says he does because it pays And mamma says she thinks so too

Because his goods are always new, And when I'm grown I'll do the same

For "Callaway's" is a household name

Ruth Robbins.

A number of the Knights Templar of Monett, in full regalia, attended the services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and listened to a most excellent sermon by Rev. H. H. Koontz on "The Incarnation of Christ"

## HEAVY SNOWS FALL OVER ENTIRE STATE

Total Precipitation in Springfield, Weather Bureau Estimates, Is Four Inches

Springfield, Dec. 28.—Special reports received late Monday evening by the Springfield weather bureau told of heavy snows throughout eastern and southern Missouri and as far north as St. Louis. The fall there, it was said, was heavy and storms were reported to have occurred in several other localities.

The total fall of snow in Springfield Monday was four inches, according to the estimates made by W. B. Hare, observer at the local station.

The mercury dropped to the coldest of the season last night. At 7 o'clock the temperature was 18 degrees and at 9 o'clock the thermometer read 15 degrees.

Between four and six inches of snow fell along the Eastern division from Monett to St. Louis, as far south as Chadwick on the Chadwick branch and as far north as Kansas City on the Northern division, according to a report received in the general offices of the Frisco, Monday. No serious interruption to traffic resulted from the snowfall.

## CHAIN PRAYER BARRED

Belleville, Ill., Dec. 28.—Postal clerks here were instructed today by Philip Sopp, local postmaster, not to deliver postal cards bearing a certain endless chain prayer. The postmaster said he took this action at the request of a physician, who said the message accompanying the prayer had effected the nerves of some recipients.

## HUMPHREYS' Witch Hazel Oil

(COMPOUND) For Piles or Hemorrhoids, External or Internal, Blind or Bleeding, Itching or Burning. One application brings relief. Two sizes, 25c. and \$1.00, at all druggists or mailed.

Send Free Sample of Oil to

Humphreys' Tonic, Medicine Company, 155 William Street, New York.

## SICK ANIMALS

A BIG BOOK on diseases of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs and Poultry, mailed free. Humphreys' Veterinary Medicines, 155 William Street, New York.

## SUSPEND INCREASE IN RAILROAD RATES

Order of Missouri Public Service Commission Not Effective January 1

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Missouri public service commission today suspended its recent order providing for increases in passenger and certain freight rates.

The order provided that the rates should become effective January 1, 1916. Under the suspension issued today the rates become effective March 1.

The rates were suspended as a result of the petitions by trunk line railways filed yesterday, asking for a rehearing of the rate cases. The railroads objected to the passenger rates provided by the order, especially to the requirement that they issue interchangeable and transferable mileage tickets at 2 cents a mile. The roads also objected to the freight rates in some instances as being insufficient and in other cases as being discriminatory against interstate traffic.

When the rates were announced it was stated that they provided for increased charges. The railroads held, however, that the provision for mileage books at 2 cents a mile largely offset the gain from the increase in one-way passenger fares to 2½ cents a mile.

## DR. HARRY O. SCOTT DEAD

Dr. Harry O. Scott died at Horton, Kan., Friday December 24, of pneumonia. He had been ill with grippe at his home at Salida, Colo., when he left for Horton. On reaching that place pneumonia developed which resulted in his death.

Funeral services were held at Oklahoma City, December 27. His daughter, Mrs. C. H. Woods, resides at that place.

Dr. Scott was formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Carthage and was a frequent visitor at Monett when Dr. W. C. Templeton had charge of the Monett Presbyterian church. He was an able man and had many friends here.

## FREIGHT WRECK ON FRISCO

Carthage, Dec. 28.—Three Frisco freight cars were derailed yesterday evening at the crossing of the road which leads into the fair grounds northwest of town. Two were loaded cars and the third was an empty car. A loose brake beam caught on a board of the crossing, lifting the end of the board until it punched into the trucks and caused the derailment.

The two coal cars were demolished. The wrecking train was sent for to clear the track and in the meanwhile all Frisco trains on this section of the road detoured over the Missouri Pacific tracks here and Webb City, until the wreck was cleared away at 3:30 o'clock this morning. No one was hurt.

## WOMAN SLIPS ON ICE FALLING INTO WELL

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Rose Bosco, 55 years old, of Breezy Hill, was drowned early yesterday morning when she fell into a well as she was drawing a bucket of water. The two sons of Mrs. Bosco instituted a search an hour later and the body was found. She is believed to have slipped on the ice around the well. There was no curbing.

Mrs. Bosco arose some time before 6 o'clock and started to get breakfast She found that the water had been turned off to prevent freezing and had not been turned on again. She then went across the street to get a bucket of water from a well.

Her two sons arose, and, finding that she was gone, instituted a search when she failed to return. No one in the neighborhood had seen Mrs. Bosco leave the house, but the body was found an hour later.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our kind friends and relatives for their help, and for their kind and comforting words, during the illness and death of our beloved father.

MRS. J. P. BALMAS  
MRS. J. F. PLANCHON,  
MRS. S. D. COURDIN,  
MRS. FRANK E. SNYDER